

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): From the answer to the question, am I to understand that there was only one address presented to the Dewan during his tour in Kuttanad.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There may have been more.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Was this particular grievance brought to the notice of the Dewan only in one address?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): What I want to know is whether there was not a universal complaint and almost all the addresses presented to the Dewan did not make mention of those grievances.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know further whether any step has been taken in this direction?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is under consideration and the Government are proposing to refer the matter to the Chief Engineer.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Am I to understand that the Government have taken up the question?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Disbanded Computer-Draftsmen of the Land Records Office.

221. MR. KURANDIPALLIL R. RAMAN PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the disbanded Computer-Draftsmen of the Land Records Department were provided for in the Survey Department;

(b) whether some Computer-Draftsmen are going to be newly entertained in the Survey Office for Land Records work; and

(c) if so, whether these disbanded Computer-Draftsmen will be given preference in filling up those new appointments?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Some of the disbanded Computer-Draftsmen were provided for in some of the vacancies that occurred.

(b) Yes; provision has been included in the preliminary budget estimate for 1103 M. E.

(c) The claims of the disbanded Computer-Draftsmen will be considered.

Bridge at Nandukulam on the Minadam-Pampadi Road.

222. MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(a) of the neglected condition of the Minadam-Pampadi road at the western section; and

(b) of the difficulties that the people are put to, for want of a small bridge at the place called Nandukulam?

(2) Will they be pleased to order the Public Works Department to have the bridge completed as early as possible?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (a) This is a ryots' road taken under Government maintenance, but its maintenance is entrusted to interested people. The road is reported to be fit for cart traffic during the dry weather.

(b) The Government note the information.

(2) An estimate will be called for.

Irrigational facilities to Punja Cultivators.

223. MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(a) of the difficulties experienced by the *punja* cultivators generally for want of proper drainage channels in vast *padams*; and

(b) that, during the months from Tulam to Makaram every year, a large number of criminal cases crop up among the ryots on account of disputes regarding the right of passage of water?

(2) Will they be pleased to consider the desirability of appointing a special investigation officer to investigate and report on these numerous minor channels on the western portions of North and Central Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (a) and (b) The answers are in the negative.

(2) If specific instances are brought to notice, the Chief Engineer will be asked to investigate the matter.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): In regard to the answer to part (b), will the Government be pleased to call for a list of the cases that have cropped up in Tulam and Makaram?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Of which year, please?

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Every year.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): For how many years past?

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Figures for the last three years will satisfy the Government of the difficulty that is experienced.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This is a new question.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): It is not a new question. Question (b) refers to the number of cases that have cropped up.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is not suggested that the statement of the number of cases should be called for.

If the member wants statistics of the number of cases, he might give notice of that question.

Motor accidents in 1102.

224. MR. C. P. THOMAS (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to give statistics of motor accidents in 1102 in the State showing:

(a) the nature of the accidents;